13th August 1954]

Recommendations of the Tiruchirappalli District Irrigation Conferences.

* 1426 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and nature of the recommendations made by the Tiruchirappalli District Irrigation Conferences held in April and October 1953; and

(*b*) the number and names of works sanctioned by the Government in response to their recommendations?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Twenty-three items in April and 24 items in October 1953 relating to repairs and improvements to existing irrigation sources and adequate supply of water to the channels, and taking up of new schemes.

" (*b*) No proposal for any new scheme as such suggested at the conferences have been received by Government. Such proposales, if feasible, will be forwarded to Government by the Public Works Department in due course. Regarding repairs to channels and improvement in supply of water, action has been taken by the local officers, where necessary."

Fire accident in the slum known as " Lalagunta " in Washermanpet, Madras.

* 1427 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a slum known as " Lalagunta " in Washermanpet, Madras, was destroyed by a fire accident recently; and

(*b*) the action taken to afford relief to the victims of this fire accident in getting their huts reconstructed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 6,390 was sanctioned by the Government towards purchase and supply of building materials for the victims."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the estimated loss that was incurred by the residents of the locality by this fire accident? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I can say it will be about double this amount."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" How much was paid to each slum-dweller because of this fire accident? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Offhand I may say that it is Rs. 30."